

REMARKS:

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 5 and 14 have been amended, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 8, and 10-14 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,043,517 (Haddad). To the extent the rejections apply to the amended claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Claims 6, 15, and 16 are allowed. Applicants have incorporated the elements of Claims 6 and 15 into independent claims 1, 10, and 12, and cancelled Claims 6 and 15. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 1-16.

Respectfully submitted,

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